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Resigned in 1931.

Kershner, J.C., [Mrs. William H.]  
[Indianapolis, IA]

1930-1931

May 23, 1930

Mrs. W. H. Kerahner  
Beech Springs  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of a letter from W.K.Stewart Company, Indianapolis, requesting us to forward to you the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NUMISMATICS if it is included in the membership fee of five dollars. The JOURNAL is no longer published. We now issue NUMISMATIC NOTES AND MONOGRAPHS in its place. Each of these is complete in itself, and from three to six are issued each year at a price which usually totals more than the five dollars for dues as an Associate member. I am enclosing an application card. If you care to enroll as an Associate member, I shall be very glad.

Responding to the query regard the war medal of 1917, I beg to say that this is not included.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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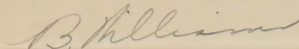
Gentlemen:

Kindly let us know if the American Journal of Numismatics is included in the membership fee of \$5.00. If so, please send to Mrs. W. H. Kershner, Beech Springs, R. R. 14, Box 221, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Also, is the American War Medal of 1917 included? If not, please let us know how much it is.

Yours very truly,

W. K. STEWART COMPANY



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COLUMBIA CLUB  
INDIANAPOLIS

June 2-1920  
Mr Sydney P Norley  
The Amer. Humane Socy  
Dear Sir,  
In answer of the 23 ult - I  
am the above - Co. am  
application sent to me by  
my friend Mrs. Owing who  
called on you for information  
for no - out - the above delay  
if you have not received it;  
I am enclosing the second  
signed application - herewith -  
I am sorry the journal  
has been discontinued as  
I imagine it - would be  
an interesting one and

useful to the Gov -  
Will you please let me  
know the cost of one of the -  
1917 War medals -

Awaiting action on my  
application I am

Very truly  
Yours  
W. H. H.

Beech Springs  
RR 14 - Box 221  
Indianapolis Ind

June 4th 1930

Mrs. Wm. H. Kershner  
R.R. 14, Box 221  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Kershner:

Responding to your letter, I regret to advise that the 1917 War Medal for which you ask, was struck in a limited quantity only - that is, it was a subscription medal and only those who subscribed before a specified date received copies. Occasionally we find one of these copies coming into the market, or included in a collection which is given to us. Would you care to have me place your name on a waiting list which we keep for such medals of a limited issue?

I should be glad to have a word of the field of your interest, and please be assured that we shall be very glad to aid you in any way that offers itself.

Your application will go before our Council at its next meeting, on June 13th.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

To the Secretary of

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

NAME H. Kershner (Mrs. W. H.)  
ADDRESS Beck Spring RR 14 Box 221 Indianapolis Ind.

**Note:** The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of ~~five dollars~~ \$100.00.

PROPOSED BY: Seymour A. Noe

June 16/30

Formal letter  
of acceptance



MRS. WILLIAM H. KERSHNER  
BEECH SPRINGS, R. R. L.  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

June 20, 1930

Dear Mr. Noe;

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 in payment of the 1930 dues and I am pleased to be a member.

*sent to Bank*

I am a member of a group of women each of whom has selected an art topic for the year, agreeing to bring the result of our reading to the meetings for the benefit of all.

As I know nothing about the art of medals you can see that my field of interest will be limitless and I shall accept with thanks any printed matter on my subject, advertising or otherwise that may fall into your hands.

The January meeting has been assigned to me with the topic

"Commemorative Coinage and Medals  
of the United States."

I have Numismatic Notes and Monographs No. 16 which brings me down to 1922, and have consulted the Treasury reports which cover Stone Mountain half dollar, - Lexington and Concord half dollar,; Norse-American medal, - Edison Medal, - but so far have not found record of memorials of Monroe Doctrine, - Huguenot-Walloon tercent. and 1926 Dec. Ind. Susque. and 50¢ piece California admission to the Union, - presume I have overlooked some report.

I also have Arnolds Numismatic Guide.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The City Librarian and also the Director of the John Herron Art Institute are willing to borrow for my use anything I want that can be borrowed,- but I want to know what I want before I ask them to help.

I have Johnson's "Medal Collector" in which are covered the Military medals.

The Library have some of the Society's publications but I am not yet advised of just what they have. I have consulted Frey's Dictionary of Numismatics which they have, a reprint of Vol 50 of the Journal. Has the Society any of these and what would it cost? I have very little money to expend so must go easy.

I have started my collection with the Janet Scudder Indiana Centennial medal, The Fraser Sprt Medal, a Lindburg souvenir, and a Pike's Peak Medal. You see,- this is virgin soil,- open for developement

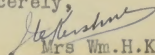
In my present frame of mind I appreciate a beautiful piece of work more than age, but you cannot foretell where a hobby will lead you.

What would the bronze membership medal cost and also the War Medal?

Any sort of cuts of these medals that you can let me have will be appreciated.

Is McSherry's "National Medals of the United States" a good book for me to buy? The Book stores here ofcourse have nothing in stock,- only the Publishers cumulative Catalogue to go by "Sight unseen" and that is a hard way to buy.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs Wm. H. Kershner

June 28, 1930.

Mrs. William H. Kershner,

Beech Springs, R. R. L.,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Kershner:-

Your note of the 20th, enclosing cheque for your dues, has been received. I am glad to try to aid you - the informative value of such a club as you describe is very great, and I feel sure you can give them a most interesting and instructive paper.

- Under separate cover I am sending you three items.
- a. Brenner's 'The Art of the Medal'.
  - b. My monograph on A. A. Weinman.
  - c. The Catalogue of the International Medallie Exhibition.
- (The introduction should be valuable for your purposes).

From the above you will discover that the medallie art in this country owes a great deal to Augustus Saint Gaudens. Most of the present day leaders in this field were pupils of his, and although he did very little as a metallist, his bas-relief work fitted him as a leader and teacher and Fraser, Weinman, Flanagan and others of our finest metal-makers of today, owe much to him. These books are sent as a loan, and you may keep them for a reasonable period. Brenner's pamphlet is out of print, but it will give you some important data of a technical nature. I should be glad to have you write me further after you have gone over this material.

None of the books mentioned by you are likely to be of any considerable value, in my judgment. Do not go to the expense of purchasing books without first inquiring as to their value for your purposes. If we above aid you, I shall be very happy.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

MRS. WILLIAM H. KERSHNER  
BEECH SPRINGS, R. R. L.  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

July 19, 1930

My dear Mr. Noe;

I was delighted to receive the 1910 Catalogue and the Notes No. 7 and the "Art of the Medal" by Brenner. They have given me the groundwork for my meeting without so much "digging", and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending them.

I find the John Herron Art Institute have several of the publications of the National Sculpture Society, and I own their 1929 publication for the exhibit at San Francisco.

The John Herron have most of the Notes and Monographs of our Society, but not this Catalogue.

Referring to your letter, calling attention to the great influence Augustus St Gaudens had on the art of the Medallist, everything I have read on the subject comes right back to him in some way or other.

The John Herron had a Memorial Exhibition of Augustus St Gaudens through the kindness of his wife, opening in December 1909 and extending through January and February of 1910, and the catalogue has a nice biography of him.

The State Federation of Clubs had their annual meeting at the John Herron in April of this year and we had a small but lovely display of medals and plaquettes from The Medallic Art Company.

The "Birdseye View of Coinage" was here in Nov. 1926.

The John Herron have received each year since 1924 the copy of the March "Numismatist" containing the reports of the annual meeting of the American Numismatic Society,

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and I have read them all, so that I feel quite as tho I knew you all and your problems.

Mr. Langdon in the report for the year 1926 mentions some missionary work in which his committee had secured more than ahundred and fifty medals by Claude Mascaux, at a cost of 75¢ each and his adjectives are so enthusiastic that I think I would like to have one, altho on the whole for the present I am going to confine my few purchases to outstanding American artists,

I am going to be frank with you and say that I haave to squeeze my hobby money out of my housekeeping fund, so I must content myself with few purchases. As Mr Langdon suggests in this report that it might be possible to issue two or three medals a year at a cost of \$2.00 or \$3.00 each, -In-as much as I am not where it is possible for me to see medals and select my own, I am wondering if it would be too much to ask you to start me right by buying my first ones ? I am sending a small check so that if you have the time and inclination to bother with it, you can send them now, - and if it is not convenient, you can return the check and no harm done.

My cabinet is started with the Indiana Centenial medal by Janet Scudder, one large and one small, and the sport medal by Laura Gardin Fraser, the first issue of the Society of Medallists. I have the folder issued by the Director of the Mint giving information about the coins and medals issued by the Government, - would you care for these of the Presidents? Aside from their historical interest are they "good" medals ?

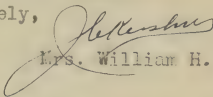
The John Herron is always short of money and they do not have a Mr Huntington or a Mr. Newell to come to their

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rescue,- so if you find it in your heart to send them  
one of these catalogues, you will make them very happy.  
I would not have suggested it had I not noted that  
the National Sculpture Society publications are marked  
"Complimentary".

I am enjoying the catalogue and keep it in its box  
so it will not be injured, so if you do not mind, will  
keep it a few weeks.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. William H. Kershner,

P.S. You have not told me what a membership medal costs.



Aug. 1, 1930

Mrs. William H. Kershner,  
Beech Springs, R.R.L.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Kershner:-

Your letter of July 19th should have been answered long before this - please pardon the delay. It has taken several days to get into touch with Mr. Langdon, but at last I am able to report that a package containing four medals is going to you under separate cover today.

These medals are (1) The St. Louis Exposition Medal by A. A. Weissmann, one of the foremost of our American sculptors; (2) A medal by a Belgian - Bissart, which is typical of metallic work in that country; (3 and 4) Two medals by Mascoux, which were among those mentioned by Mr. Langdon in his report. The valuations for these are 1. \$2.50; 2. \$1.50 and 3 and 4 \$1.00 each, making a total of six dollars, which is the amount sent me. If, after seeing these, you do not feel that you care to keep any of them, you will please feel free to return it and I will either try again, or refund you the amount involved. I hope, however, that they will not be without appeal.

You ask about the Mint medals - I should advise that you wait before getting any of these. The membership medal costs for the bronze copy, which to my mind is preferable to the one in silver, four dollars plus the cost of engraving the name of the member - I think the charge is 5 cents per letter. In all frankness, however, I should recommend waiting until you had secured other more desirable medals before ordering this.

As for the Catalogue of the 1910 Exhibition issued by our Society, after you have finished with it, please present it to the John Herron Art Institute with our compliments as a gift made at your suggestion. And please be assured that if you come to New York at any time, we shall have great pleasure in having you see our collection of medals.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

MRS. WILLIAM H. KERSHNER  
BEECH SPRINGS  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 11, 1930

My dear Mr. Noe;

I am delighted with my medals and thank you so much for the interest you are taking in the matter. I shall take your advice, and let you know before I try for any more, so we may decide then what to add to my collection.

I thank you for allowing me to pass on the 1910 Catalogue to the John Herron Institute, will try to get it to them soon, and they will acknowledge the gift in the regular way. I shall appreciate having it where I can refer to it when needful.

I am wondering if arrangement could be made for an exhibition of medals during the month of January so that instead of giving the usual club talk on Medals, we could have a gallery talk by Mr. Peete on my day January 6th. and one or two gallery talks each week while the medals are on display. It seems to me that would be so much more worth while, and Mr. Peete makes a most interesting talk. If he thinks well of the matter when he comes home, he will take it up with you direct. My topic is "Commemorative Coinage and Medals of the United States" so that the display should include these but not to the exclusion of other interesting ones.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly,  
*Wm H Kershner*



August 13, 1930

Mrs. William H. Kershner  
Beech Springs  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Def 221, RR 14

My dear Mrs. Kershner:

Your note of the 11th is at hand and I am very glad you are pleased with the medals.

I am afraid your suggestion about an exhibition in January is not a feasible one. I do not know of any medal collector in your neighborhood to whom you might appeal for such an exhibition. Furthermore, such a show would have to be <sup>a</sup> fairly extensive one to compete in interest with that held by the Medallie Art Company. I am sorry I cannot see any way of aiding you. As a possible alternative you might consider gathering such books as were available from the Public and the Institute Libraries and having them shown in a case for the month of January.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance in this matter,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

MRS. WILLIAM H. KERSHNER  
BEECH SPRINGS  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 26, 1930

Dear Mr. Noe;

I am sorry the Society is not interested in holding an exhibit at the Art Institute. I had thought it might be the house of stirring up a more general interest in historic Art and perhaps securing some more members of the Society, - but that may work out later on.

The Indiana Art Co. had a small exhibit here during the Annual Meeting of the State Fed. of Art Clubs and it may be that they will be interested in putting on a more pretentious one when we are ready. I judge their exhibit would be more from the modern artistic point of view while whatever exhibit you would be willing to loan would have more historic interest.

I have found a collection of U.S. Commemorative coinage, but only a few of the medals. The owner is a generous gentleman with plenty of money to gratify his taste, and I think would make a good member of our Society. The A.S.A. has asked him to join their association, but as yet he is not a member. I have explained to him how fine it would be to join our Society and visit new things from east and see what a fine collection we have. He may join them both, - why not send him an application and when I see him again, I will

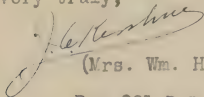
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remind him about signing it and sending it  
in. C.O. Warnock, 4324 Park Ave. Indpls.

I returned the two brochures you loaned me,  
and hope you received them in good shape.  
I appreciate your kindness.

Very truly,



(Mrs. Wm. H. )

Box 221 R.R.14)

August 29, 1930

Mrs. William H. Kerahner  
Beech Springs  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Kerahner:

Thank you for your letter and for the suggestion about Mr. Wernock. I shall write to him immediately, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in suggesting that he enter our organization.

If the Medallie Art Company's previous exhibit was a small one, I feel sure that they would be able to supplement it by a much more worthwhile show, and at the first opportunity I shall suggest as much to them and possibly write you again after I obtain anything in the nature of a satisfactory response.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

MRS. WILLIAM H. KERSHNER  
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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The American Numismatic Society  
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Wm. H. Kershner is away for an indefinite stay. I find your bill for membership renewal on her desk. On her return her attention will be called to same.

This in explanation of delay of renewal check.

Yours truly,

*Wm. H. Kershner*

BEECH SPRINGS  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Sunday -

Dear Mr. Roe - I find  
I did not enclose this  
check yesterday -  
My husband's  
address is  
804 New City Trust Bldg  
and perhaps is safer  
for valuable packages -  
Very truly

J. C. Kershner  
(Mrs. W. H.)



MRS. WM. H. KERSHNER,  
BEECH SPRINGS,  
R. R. 14, BOX 221,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

New York, OCT 13 1931

To The American Numismatic Society, Dr.

BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STREETS



THIRD NOTICE

Associate Membership Dues for 1923 . . . . . \$5.00

Received Payment,

Treasurer.

Silver or Bronze membership medals may be obtained at cost.

(See other side)

(am)

My dear Mr. Fox - In Feb I was badly injured  
in an Auto accident - in Illinois - Mr. Kershner as soon  
as he was out - again tried to clean up all my  
club obligations but overlooked you and when I  
got on my feet - again several months later - I found  
your unpaid & looked I could meet it - But -  
our unusual expense & close times has made  
it impossible for me to do so - and as I am  
returning all the 1931 Monographs - hopefully  
and hope I may be re-instated when my  
finances occur - and my body is again  
normal sincerely J. Kershner

By-LAWS.

CHAPTER IV. SECTION 2.

Any Fellow or Associate Member in arrears for  
more than one year shall be dropped from the roll  
after due notification. But may be reinstated by  
resolution of the Council upon payment of the arrears.



October 24, 1931.

*Resigned Nov. 20, 1931*

Mrs. Wm. H. Kershner  
Beech Springs  
R. R. 14, Box 221  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Kershner:

Responding to your note, I beg to advise that your request to be dropped from our membership will be presented at the next meeting of our Council on November 20th. I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of the monographs which you have returned. Trusting that an opportunity will open whereby you can renew your connection with our Society at some time in the future, I beg to subscribe myself

Very sincerely yours,

BN:JC

Secretary

*Remond stencil*